SOUTHERNMOST HOG MIAMI, FLORIDA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER - JULY 09

Director's Thoughts … Next Summer ?

Whether you are a new member, or been around a bit, you'll notice that our HOG chapter is a rather busy one ! Besides the monthly breakfast, lunch, or dinner runs we try to have an overnighter at least every other month. This may be for a night or two, or even three, but they are typically not really long road-trips, and usually don't leave Florida. Many of us do like to take a longer trip each year, maybe for a week or two, maybe longer if you're retired or can get away for the longer times involved. Further down in the newsletter you'll see my write up from Rolling Thunder / Blue Ridge Parkway part II, and a write up of Bob and Verbon's trip up to Deal's Gap. So why am I telling you this ? Because it's time to start thinking about next summer's longer adventure !

In casual conversations, I've discussed a LOT of ideas with different members. I'd like to throw these all out on the table, and start to see who would be interested in what … We may not all agree on one event – nobody says that a couple of these couldn't happen with different groups. So here's a few possibilities :

- Like we did with Rolling Thunder, take the Auto-train again next June, but after getting off the train, head up to the Laconia Bike Week in New Hampshire. We'll be able to see some great areas of the north-east, such as Gettysburg and the York PA Harley tour, enjoy the rally, and then head home. Can be done on a weekend-to-the-next weekend basis, or longer for those who have the time and want to explore more.
- Sturgis for bike week. Riding there is tough unless you have a lot of time – you have to figure nearly three weeks with getting there and back. There are alternatives though. When I went two years ago I shipped the bike – flew in the first weekend, flew back the next. Another alternative is trailering. If a trailer holds a couple of bikes, you can split the driving chores and the cost. With 2400 miles, it's certainly doable in 3 days each way – 800 a day in the car is a lot easier than on the bike !
- Sturgis for NOT bike week ! The riding there is amazing – Badlands, Custer State Park, Needles Highway, Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse memorial, Devil's Tower, etc. Without the bike week it would be a LOT less crowded, easier to enjoy the sites, and certainly cheaper for a hotel room ! Same thoughts on getting there and back, but "Fly and Ride" (bike rental) is also a possibility if it's not the high-demand period of Sturgis bike week …
- Head West, young man (and woman!) … How about flying out to Las Vegas, renting a bike and spending a week circling the Grand Canyon ? Would be absolutely amazing scenery … Obviously those who have a bit more time could ride / trailer out there and do the same thing. Other "western" destinations could include Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, New Mexico, etc … The sky's the limit !

These are a few ideas, but they are certainly not the only ideas out there. How about getting me your ideas on what you'd like to do, whether it's one of the ones above, or something different ! How do we communicate ? How about the "Southernmost" group on Facebook ? For those that haven't tried it yet, Facebook is easy (and free) to use and a great way to communicate. You don't have to post "what I am doing today" (although you can if you want to!). Just follow the link on the home page of our web site to find the Southernmost group – I'll set up a discussion group for next summer. Please come join in on the discussion ! ☺ Mike Z

p.s. In 2013 I'm heading back to Milwaukee for the 110th Celebration – had a great time at the 105th so I'm ready for the next one !

Secretary - "Bob & Verb's Excellent Adventure"

Well, since Mike has decided we need to write, I had to come up with something, so I decided to take a trip. Actually, I decided to "join" a trip in progress. Verbon (Verb), Mark, and Rudy were planning a trip to Deal's Gap. As we talked about it, Rudy and Mark couldn't make the trip. For you two guys, save some time and don't read this. The trip totally sucked!

Now for the rest of you…
Verbon and I met Wednesday morning, June 17 at 6 AM and headed north on US 27. It was a typical ride northward for us HOG members. After about 270 miles, Verbon (our trip leader), decided, "enough of this" and headed out on SR 19. I'm not sure if Verbon found some of the roads we traveled this trip when he got lost, or how he did, but they were great roads to ride! Certainly beats the Interstate System. Anyway, after about 80 miles on SR 19, he found SR 100 for another 75 miles, or so. This took us to Lake City; so we were almost out of Florida, so time to find a new road. This time it was US 441. After the 30 miles to get into Georgia, we continued onward until Verbon got tired. After we took a break so that he could call his wife for directions, we headed on to Dublin, Georgia, not Ireland, although it seemed we had ridden that far! We found a place to rest our weary heads and other parts. This was my first experience of a number of Monkey Butt experiences, but was worth it! What a great first day. We covered about 575 miles and had a short ride (270 miles) remaining on Thursday to our destination.

After our rest, we took off early Thursday and headed on to North Carolina. I didn't keep track of all the roads we traveled, but one needs to be pointed out, Georgia SR 348 out of Helen, Georgia. This road took us only 9 miles closer to our destination, but was a 14-mile ride. Lot's of beautiful scenery twists and hills. Till that time, the best road I had ever ridden. As I said before, Verbon knew some great roads to ride. I also found out that he just might not know that roads can be such as US 19 AND Business US 19.

So we roll into Andrews, North Carolina, which will be our home base. Now all we need is our Country Hearth Inn for lodging. After riding another 40 or 50 miles back and forth on "Business" US 19 and calling the Country Hearth Inn for directions (twice), we rode into our Inn located on US 19. Now, Verbon didn't know exactly where we were staying, but he is tops in my book because he knew about the "Burger Basket"! It is always good to know about places to get good food.

So after we settled in, it was back on the bikes for a ride to Deals Gap and a stop at Wheeler's 129 Performance to get a quick repair ($2) on one of my heat shields. There are a lot of nice people up that way. We arrived at Deal's Gap and looked around a bit and heard about some major weather heading our way. We weren't planning on riding the Dragon that afternoon, so it was head back to the Inn for us. Well, almost. I decided that on the way back a nice side trip to the Fontana damn was worthwhile. Just as we got to the damn, the weather found us…. To be continued. Bob B

Ladies of Harley (LOH News and Happenings)

We had a LOH dinner event to Antonio's Pizza in Pinecrest. It was great pizza but the restaurant was a little noisy. Thanks to all who came out and had the patience to wait!

We have something in mind for July that's a little different than our usual – paintball! It will be an LOH sponsored event open to all who care to play on Saturday, July 25th. We get 2 to 3 hours of play time, training, paint balls, and everything needed. It also

includes lunch, which is pizza, chips and soda, for $35 including everything – pretty good deal! How about we have guys against girls?

We are also working with the store to schedule a Garage Party for all ladies; it will be for existing riders, new riders and wishful thinkers. Stay tune for the August newsletter for date and time. Hopefully we will see everyone for the tubing trip. Until next month ride safe and stay dry, Cheryl M

What's Happening – Road Trip To Rainbow Springs

We can't promise you a rainbow, but there will be Springs. Cool, crystal clear, refreshing Springs. The Plan: We'll leave this Friday, July 10th, and enjoy a leisurely ride to the Central Motel in Inverness. (352-726-4515) We have reservations at Dot's Restaurant in Sebring for lunch, where I'm certain Dot will want to get reacquainted with the "handsome young man" from our group who did wheelies around the parking lot with her onboard last time we passed through. (see www.southernmosthog.com - member story entitled Inverness Adventure 2008 - for the sordid details) If you've joined us or read about any of our previous adventures, you know that getting there is half the fun, and usually provides entertaining stories to regale your friends. After relaxing by the pool and a few adult beverages, we'll enjoy a group dinner at Stumpknocker's Restaurant.

Saturday morning, after breakfast at the hotel restaurant, we head out bright and early for tubing at Rainbow Springs. (Is 8:30 early to everyone else???) We've been advised by our Scouts who floated the river last year, that we should wear bathing suits under our riding clothes and bring clothes to change into after tubing (or airdry as I plan to do). We can rent tubes or rafts for a nominal fee and then into the river we go. Some folk bring floating coolers to tow behind with food and beverages or use ziplock bags to keep goodies and necessities (keys, smokes, suncreen, snax) dry. Then we'll spend the next 3-4 hours floating lazily down pristine spring waters. A delightful respite from a Florida summer.

After "chillin" in the springs, it will have been 3-4 hours since our last meal, so lunch will be a priority. After that we can either head to the hotel to relax or perhaps entice Jay and Cheryl to lead us on a scenic ride to the Ozella Trail. That night we've planned another group dinner at The Cove, a casual joint recommended by our Scouts, where we'll lift a few glasses and rehash the day's excitement.

Not only is this weekend a fabulous opportunity to share laughs, adventure, camaraderie and bonding with fellow members, but if you don't go, you'll be bored to death for the next month listening to your friends tell tales of our adventures. See you on the river! Joan S

On the road again …

So for all of you that think I don't know how to type or use a computer other than for work this article proves you wrong. ☺ I attended the Primary Officer Training in May and picked up some enlightening and useful information that I hope to share with you over the next several months. This month it is about passing on a four-lane or two-lane road as a group.

Passing on a four lane - When changing lanes on a four-lane road the group may pass as a unit. When it is safe and legal the lead rider should signal the lane change when it has been determined by the head road captain leading the ride that the ENTIRE group can change lanes and pass AS A UNIT. The other riders then follow this lead and signal one at a time to move into the next lane. The lead rider should maintain a merging speed that will allow enough space for following riders to safely merge. In heavier traffic like

we experience here is Miami, it is a good idea to resist the temptation to close up the formation too much. Maintain your space cushion.

Passing on a two lane - It is usually very difficult for a group to pass a slow-moving car. If the lead rider decides to pass the car, each rider must decide for themselves if it is safe to follow. Pass as if you were riding alone – each rider needs to look and evaluate when it is safe for him or her to pass. It is IMPORTANT after passing the vehicle to move on ahead and to make room for all of the bikes that will come behind you. So until the next edition of the newsletter remember to pass safely! Ride often and safe, Jay M

Rider Skills – my first bike maint story !

My first self-done oil change:

After much tinkering – I managed to change my oil for the first time in bike ownership history, with only minor spillage in my Garage. Thanks to Johnny (Precision Thunder Drill Team) for showing me the drain plug. Of course by the time I got home and looked at it again, I ended up loosening some other bolt. I'm probably lucky the engine didn't fall to the floor. Once I loosened it and no oil came out. I knew it was the wrong bolt – (I'm so quick). I quickly tightened it up and waited till this weekend to try again. I saw Jay Mullininx, who incase you did not know is an ACE auto mechanic and he showed me the correct thingy to loosen. I got it off and the oil came spewing out, right into the handy container I had ready. Of course I dropped the plug and the socket into the vat of hot oil and had to fish it out. OK – only a minor problem.

Moving along now, I attempted to take the oil filter off. I tried using a strap wrench I had purchased after witnessing a YouTube video of how to do it. No luck. After many attempts, I went and bought a filter wrench at the auto supply. Not the one that catches the grooves on the end of the filter, but one that fits around the body of the filter. Who knew this would begin to crush the filter like a weak tin can? Finally, I took the new filter with me back to the auto store, and low and behold, the store showed me the "correct" wrench that fits over the end of the new filter, into the dimples, like a 'hat'. Off she came, along with all the oil that was in the filter and near it. This is where I had some spillage, and I forgot to move my vat back under the bike. Perhaps there is a trick to doing it without having the oil run all over everything below it on the bike. I put the drain plug back on the bike (wow, I remembered this) with the o-ring, screwed and tightened the filter on after lubing it, and began the process of filling the oil tank. Voile – I'm done. Checked the oil level a few times, cranked and completed the filling.

Now for the hard part – disposing of the old oil. How the hell do you get the oil back into those little bottles? The funnel barely fits and the bottle barely stands up. After slightly more spillage on my boots and the floor I did manage to get all the old oil into the empty bottles, and they are ready for recycling. YES I AM DONE!!! Next week – learn how I do on the transmission and the primary fluids. I did order the service manual. I think I will be ready to overhaul the transmission soon ! Steve J

Membership

As I reflect back on my first couple of weeks as the new membership officer, I am excited about this new adventure. I'm looking forward to talking to new and or returning owners of Harley's about the wonderful group of people and the fun times that this Chapter has. Even though I have not physically spoken to anyone on the phone as of yet, I did direct someone who saw our pictures on Facebook and wanted to join the LOH. Hopefully, this will be the first of many who will join our wonderful group ! If you have any ideas how we can attract new members, or make them feel more "welcome", please let me know!

I also want to thank Carol Timmons for her guidance in what to do and say while talking to potential new members. Sharon A

Safety Tips - Rain in South Florida

As we start the rainy season, there are a few tips that we all should know about riding in the rain, which seems to be every day in June and July – OK, August too.

The center lane can be hazardous when wet. When it starts to rain, ride in the tire tracks left by cars. Often the left tire track will be the best position depending on traffic and other road conditions as well. Remember that when it first starts to rain it's the most dangerous as oils in the road float to the surface.

Watch for oil spots in the road, especially during the start of a rain. As you know, the center of a car leaks antifreeze and oil. Remember to watch out for oil spots when you put your foot down to stop or park. You may slip or fall. This is also for dirt and gravel that collects along side of the road, especially on curves, ramps, and leading onto the highway. Stay away from the edge of the road, particularly when making sharp turns and getting off freeways at high speed when wet. Remember also that wet surfaces with leaves are just as slippery as the oil on the road. Always ride on the least slippery portion of the lane. Remember in braking when wet to apply your front brake gradually and your rear brake slowly at the same time.

When entering a toll plaza in the rain, stay away from the center of the lane because it is always very slippery from the accumulated oils.

Have a safe ride in all types of weather, Paul S

Postcards from the road …

Bob Timmons is traveling the US, making sure everyone knows whom "Southernmost" is. Here's a quick message and photo he sent:

Getting ready for the parade Sat. morning at the Tennessee State Rally in Murfreesboro. Parade was police escorted and lasted about thirty minutes. Friday night we went to the Nashville Super Speedway and did some laps on the track after the NASCAR guys finished their practice laps. Gets exciting when you're doing ninety on the banks and have other bikes passing on both sides of you. Great town, great roads, and Jack Daniels is only 45 miles away. Ride safe, Bob T

Come and Get Lei'd at the Southernmost "Topical Cruising" Party !

"Tropical Cruising?" Are we going boating, you ask? No, we're not fellow Southernmost HOG members. We're gathering to celebrate our own style of "tropical cruising". Our "tropical cruising" is not for wimps; not for the faint of heart or spirit. Our "tropical cruising" is not done on a deck chair of a luxury liner, but on the seat of a several hundred pounds of hot steamy Harley machinery. We "cruise" not on balmy bays, but on Harleys at noon during the searing, bone marrow sucking heat of a sweltering Miami summer. And as Noel Coward said "only mad HOGS and Englishmen (sorry Zip), go out in the mid-day sun". Join us and celebrate your own grit, perseverance and "madness" with a tropical dinner, and then dance away the summer blues to tunes selected by Boogie Man George. Wear your best Hawaiian outfit and you may win a prize for it ! ☺ Joan S

When: Saturday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m.
Where: American Legion Post, 16401 SW 90th Avenue, Miami, FL 33157
Attire: Tropical (Hawaiian shirts or tropical colors)
Cost: $10 per person. Tickets will be available from Mike after Inverness weekend.

Rolling Thunder Adventure, Part II

If you remember dear readers we left off last month with the group all together in Fort Royal, Virginia – the entrance to Skyline Drive. We had done the Autotrain, ridden around Washington, and the Rolling Thunder rally – so far, everything had gone perfectly according to plans. Obviously the gods thought we had it a little too easy, and decided to make it more interesting !

Monday morning we had breakfast at the hotel and headed out to Skyline Drive. The scenery is absolutely breathtaking – possibly a little too breathtaking – more on that soon ! Our hot weather was over and we knew we would be hitting some rain, so we suited up. Driving the Skyline is wonderful, especially for us flatlanders - great curves and hills, with amazing views around each curve. At a welcome center we cruised past a family of deer, and they were not spooked at all by our presence. The Skyline ends near Waynesboro, and we went looking for some lunch. Found a place called Weasies – as we were pulling up to it, we thought it was "Weasles" and weren't sure exactly what they served ! ☺ After lunch it was time for the Blue Ridge Highway. The Blue Ridge is another amazing road, consisting of nothing but curves up through the mountains. Here's where we had our first accident. My cousin Bobby was enjoying the scenery so much that he drifted to side of the road and onto the grass. In the wet grass it was impossible to keep control and he went down, flipping the bike and himself. By the time others stopped, he was already up and saying "I'm fine!". Not sure if he was really that fine, but a Marine, NYC firefighter is not going to admit to a little pain from a motorcycle accident ! With a little mechanical help (thanks Jay!) the bike was up on the road, handlebars pulled up, hand controls adjusted, and ready to go. We continued onto our

original destination for the night, Bedford, Virginia. One day of twisty, wet mountain roads, one accident.

Next day, Tuesday. Bedford, Virginia is the home of the D-Day memorial. In keeping with our Rolling Thunder, Memorial Day theme we had planned to visit it. Why is the memorial in the little town of Bedford, 200 miles away from any major metropolitan area ? Bedford had one of the highest casualty rates of any American city in the D-Day invasion, so it was decided to build the memorial there. So at 7:30 AM we're all together having breakfast and getting organized. Right in the hotel lobby there was even a nice picture of the Memorial, and the innkeeper told us it was just a mile up the road, and was really worth a visit – we just had to wait till 10:00 when it opened – so much for that ! The closest Bob got to the Memorial was the picture in the lobby … So off we went for our second day on the Blue-Ridge. We saw we had bad weather and suited up. What we had when we got out there was soup – it maybe it was more like riding inside a large bag of cotton-balls ! It was hard to see the bike in front of you, let alone the road. At some points, we descended to lower altitudes – yes, we got out of the cloud cover, but then it was raining ! So basically, you had the "Dammed if you do, Dammed if you don't" scenario – clouds and no visibility up high, rain and little visibility lower. We trudged along as best we could for a few hours, until our next disaster – Joe's accident.

Joe L. failed to navigate a curve on a downhill and went off the road. Some of the curves there are "decreasing radius", or spiral. You know how you slow down before a curve, lean into it, then give a little roll-on the throttle through the curve ? That works great unless the curve is a spiral, tightening up on you as you are rolling through … Anyway, Joe went off the road, into the grass (wet grass of course), and couldn't bring the bike to a stop. The bike dug in and flipped, as did Joe. Unfortunately, he was not able to jump up saying "I'm fine". He had severe pain in one leg, and wasn't going anywhere. A couple in a truck behind us had stopped to see if they could help, and called emergency – we were lucky their phone worked, as we found out later most of us had no service in that area. A park ranger arrived quickly, and an ambulance pretty quickly after that. Considering how remote we were, it was amazing how fast the response was. Anyway, Joe wound up in hospital with a broken ankle, and the bike at New River Valley Harley-Davidson in Virginia. After visiting Joe and the bike, most of us made it to Boone N.C., where we spent the night. Two days of twisty, wet mountain roads, two accidents!

By Wednesday the party was starting to break up – it became a joke "who's turn is it today?". It was raining and miserable, again. Harvey and Glen said the heck with it, and started heading back to Florida. The rest of us were going to try to stick with our original plan and head to Gatlinburg, hoping for a better day on Thursday to ride Deal's Gap (the Dragon Tail). We tried the Blue Ridge, and it was even denser cloud cover than the day before – didn't think it possible. On lower roads, we had the rain – all morning. When we stopped around mid-day we split up; Cathie, Ed and I decided to head home while Bob, Jay and Mike H continued for Gatlinburg.

That night, we made it to Savannah, and then home the next night. Intermittent rain all the way, including a lovely storm before Ft. Pierce that contained 50-60 MPH wind gusts. Got back Thursday evening in time for rush hour traffic – we knew we were home ! The rest of the group had headed from Gatlinburg to Abbeyville, SC to visit Jerry and Roberta Hulce. They didn't try to do the Dragon's Tail – weather was still bad. They came home a couple of days later … So the trip started out great, but the plans disintegrated a bit. We all still had a great time, and are planning when to try and get back up there – there's still a Dragon's Tail that needs to be ridden ! ☺ Mike Z

Sunshine Column

So last month I congratulated a few people on their new bikes. This month, I'll say heal quickly, as we've had a plague of broken legs ! You've read about Joe Lucchese's accident in the Rolling Thunder write-up above – he's healing up well.
Cathie Futernick, who rode with us for 1850 miles of crappy weather, broke her leg in her DRIVEWAY after falling over on her new Softail Deluxe. When she called to tell me, the first words out of my mouth were "Is the bike OK?" ☺
p.s. Yes it was !

July Birthdays – Congratulations to the following members on their birthdays this month! Come by at our end of the month breakfast, and you may win something !

Michael Adair, Juan Ansin, Bill Berzowski, Roy Bram, Buck Buchanon, Joseph Clower, Jose Guillen, Joe Hardin, Steve Helton, Rolf Hensche, Alfredo Hernandez, Tom Householder, Steve Janoff, Jerry Jones, Manny Lopez, Tony Manning, Jorge Rovirosa, Barry Rubin, Mickie Sara, Livy Sheppard, David Stanley, Jerry Syphurs, Tony Upshaw

And now a word from our sponsor, Peterson's Harley-Davidson South !

Summer Special!

You have heard of a "Blue Plate Special"?
We have a "Cam Plate" Special for you!

Screamin' Eagle® Hydraulic Cam Chain Tensioner Plate Upgrade Kit

This kit updates the cam chain tensioner of your early-model Twin Cam engine to the latest design, as featured on the Twin Cam 96 engine. The billet cam support plate has been designed to allow the installation of the late-model hydraulic cam chain tensioners to early Twin Cam-equipped models. These hydraulic cam chain tensioners will significantly outlast the spring loaded tensioners, and are an ideal addition to an engine modified for improved performance. In addition, '02-'06 models feature the late-model single row front cam chain and sprockets ('99 - '01 models use the existing front silent chain). The kit includes the improved late-model oil pump that increases flow by 8% and scavenging by 22% to enhance other performance upgrades. If your bike still has stock camshafts, this is an excellent opportunity to upgrade to Screamin Eagle 203 camshafts with no additional labor. The SE 203 cams produce great low and mid range torque.

Package without Cams normally $984.80, Special pricing $837.09
Package w/SE 203 Cams normally $1,254.75, Special pricing $1,066.55

All pricing plus tax, Dyno Tuning and Race Tuner, if required is additional. Prices subject to change without prior notice. Special ends August 31, 2009

"Registration open for State Rally"

Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about the 2009 State Rally ! Although Cocoa Beach was a great location, we've been there for two years , so it's time to move on ! This year's rally will be at St. Augustine, a city that offers great history and great riding opportunities, and will be held October 21st to 24th. We have a couple of hotel ideas further down in the news, but more are on the official website.
The rally website is : http://www.flstatehogrally.com/ Registration this year is only $25, but does not include the t-shirt – it's $15. If you get the shirt, it's the same $40 it's been for years, but this way you have a choice – great idea. So anyway, go do the registration when you can !

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July's Events

July 1st, 6:30 P.M. – Social Wednesday, Carrington's, Kendall (Open)

Sunday, July 5th, 10:00 A.M. – Lunch Run – Jaxson's Ice Cream, Dania Beach. Note the slightly earlier departure time. Don't miss this summer-time favorite ! (Open)

Tuesday, July 7th, 6:30 P.M. – Rider Skills, meet at practice lot at 211th street. (Members)

July 8th, 6:30 P.M. – Social Wednesday, Carrington's, Kendall (Open)

Friday, July 10th, 8:30 A.M. – Chapter Overnighter to Inverness for our "tubing" adventure. Will leave from Dade Corners and return on Sunday. Don't forget your room at the Inverness Central – details below. (Members)

July 15th, 6:30 P.M. – Social Wednesday, Carrington's, Kendall (Open)

Saturday, July 18th, 9:30 A.M. – Board Meeting at Peterson's H.D. South, conference room. All interested members are welcome to attend. (Members)

Saturday, July 18th, 11:00 A.M. – New Member Orientation. Meet in Peterson's H.D. South, conference room. (Members)

Sunday, July 19th, 9:00 A.M. – "Christmas in July" toy run (Open)

Sunday, July 19th, 4:30 P.M. – Dinner Run – Lorelei's, Islamorada. Meet at Peterson's H-D. (Open)

Tuesday, July 21st, 6:30 P.M. – Rider Skills, meet at practice lot at 211th street. (Members)

July 22nd, 6:30 P.M. – Social Wednesday, Carrington's, Kendall (Open)

Saturday, July 25th, 9:30 A.M. – Road Captains Meeting at Peterson's H.D. South, conference room. All interested members are welcome to attend. (Members)

Sunday, July 26th, 8:30 A.M. – Breakfast Run – Mangrove Mike's, Islamorada. (Open)

July 29th, 6:30 P.M. – Social Wednesday, Captain's Restaurant, Florida City (Open)

August's Events

Saturday, August 1st – Sunday, August 2nd – Chapter Overnighter to Dt. Augustine for a "stamp run" – part of the activities for the 2009 State Rally. We will join Ft. Lauderdale and Palm Beach HOG for a fun ride, with a party on Saturday night. Hotel details are below. Meeting place and time will be added soon. (Members)

August 5th, 6:30 P.M. – Social Wednesday, Café Med, The Falls, Kendall (Open)

Friday, August 7th, 6:00 P.M. – Dinner Run and fun run to Gilberts, Key Largo. Meet at Peterson's H-D. (Open)

Saturday, August 8th, 9:30 A.M. – Board Meeting at Peterson's H.D. South, conference room. All interested members are welcome to attend. (Members)

Tuesday, August 11th, 6:30 P.M. – Rider Skills (Members)

August 12th, 6:30 P.M. – Social Wednesday, Café Med, The Falls, Kendall (Open)

Saturay, August 15th, 7:00 P.M. – "Tropical Cruising" dinner party featuring "Boogie Man George" DJ, tropical food, drinks, raffles, etc ! (Members, $10 Cost)

August 19th, 6:30 P.M. – Social Wednesday, Café Med, The Falls, Kendall (Open)

Sunday, August 23rd, 10:30 A.M. – Lunch run to Rustic Inn Crab Shack, Dania Beach. This is another fun tradition we try to do every year ! (Open)

Tuesday, August 25th, 6:30 P.M. – Rider Skills (Members)

August 26th, 6:30 P.M. – Social Wednesday, Café Med, The Falls, Kendall (Open)

Sunday, August 30th, 9:00 A.M. – Breakfast run to "El Toro Taco", Homestead. Huevos Rancheros anyone ? (Open)

HOG717 Future Events Lodging Details

July 2009, Chapter Summer Overnighter "Tubing"

While you are on the phone with the Central Motel in Inverness, go ahead and make a reservation for our summer getaway ! It's July 10th to the 12th, and will include tubing in Rainbow Springs – should be a blast! Rates will still be only $57 a night with a group rate. Mention the "HOG Group", or Mike Zucker to help them find it! Phone is (800) 554-7241

August 2009, Multi-Chapter "Stamp Run"

On August 1st – 2nd several chapters are going to meet up for a "stamp run" around Florida, stopping at several dealerships. This is an early activity for the state rally, and should be fun ! We will stay one night in St. Augustine on the 1st – here's the details:
The Renaissance Resort at World Golf Village, 500 South Legacy Trail, St. Augustine, Florida.
(904) 940-8000. For Reservations, call: (800) 266-9432 and ask for the Harley Owner's Group discount. ($89 + tax per night.)

September 2009, Phil Peterson's Key West Poker Run

Go to www.casamarinaresort.com . The dates for the 2009 Poker Run are September 18th to the 20th. Use code zzdad as the "group code" to get the correct rates. Friday and Saturday nights are just $166, plus a $10 resort fee. If you want to go early it's $132 for Thursday night, and $150 for Sunday night if you want to stay over (plus the $10 a night resort fee). As in any hotel system, you will need to enter a credit-card to make your reservation, BUT, they will not be charged up-front. You can cancel your reservation anytime up to three days out with no penalty.
NOTE – If you want to reserve by phone, call : 888-318-4237

October 2009, Biketoberfest, Daytona Beach

Let's try somewhere different this time … Roy Bram was able to set up a deal at the LaQuinta Inn & Suites, located at 2725 W International Speedway (near I-95). The rate is only $99 a day plus tax - best rate we've had in Daytona in a while! The phone number (386) 255-7412. Ask for "Roy Bram Group" to get the rate – there's only a dozen rooms so act quick ! Thanks Roy ! ☺

October 2009, Florida State H.O.G. Rally, St. Augustine

Thursday – Sunday, October 22nd to the 25th, 2009
Holiday Inn Oceanfront St. Augustine Beach
860 A1A Beach Blvd
800-626-7263
Probably Sold Out, but worth a try – people do cancel

Next best :
St Augustine Ocean & Racquet Resort
880 A1A Beach Blvd OFC
800-448-0066
which is next door to the Host Hotel. They have 2 bedroom, 2 bath Condos for $116.00 per night.

Rally site : www.flstatehogrally.com